

*New Senate***PERSONNEL STRENGTH**

I know that some of you are concerned over the number of people employed by CIA. I share that concern. We attained most of our present personnel strength between the outbreak of war (25 June 1950) and the armistice (26 July 1953) in Korea, when the pressures of wartime were added to the increasing responsibilities imposed upon the Agency by the National Security Council. For the first year after the Korean armistice (July 1953 - June 1954) we held the line tight on personnel. During the second year (July 1954 - June 1955) our personnel increased about 4% and this last year (July 1955 - June 1956) the increase has been only slightly over 3%. This minimizing of the growth of the Agency has occurred during a period of continuous growth of the foreign interests and obligations of the United States, and of increasing requirements laid upon the Agency by the Executive. During this same period the quality and quantity of Agency production has increased. Although it is difficult to measure quantitatively in this field, I would estimate that our efficiency has increased at least 20%. I expect continued increases. We have a fine group of people. They are becoming professionals in a field for which the United States has an unparalleled need, and an unparalleled lack of skilled personnel. Improved efficiency is a reflection of increased experience - as an Agency and as individuals. I would expect additional increased efficiency to result from the bringing together of our personnel in a single headquarters building, as proposed. I also expect that the future, like the past, will bring an increased levy of requirements

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on the Agency. Given static requirements, I have no doubt that I could reduce our complement considerably over a period of time without impairing efficiency in the least. This is not, however, a period of static requirements, whether for CIA or for any other component charged with the duty of contributing to our national defense.